

Some Brilliant Speeches Made.
Paul Neumann as Toastmaster.
Unity First Sentiment.

Lodge le Progres, of the Mystic Tie, installed itself at the Masonic Temple last evening by giving a grand banquet with about 150 covers. Guests included members of Hawaiian and Pacific lodges and brethren from abroad. Le Progres is the oldest lodge here. Its master, Mr. C. M. White, announced as toastmaster Mr. Paul Neumann.

Mr. Neumann said that he had tried to excuse himself from the pleasant task assigned, but had consented to act on account of his aloha for le Progres. He did not like this thing of being made toastmaster, because he was compelled to speak on topics not chosen by himself. Mr. Neumann wished le Progres prosperity and good social times in the new home. After a number of laughter provoking references, the toastmaster called upon E. I. Spalding to give the address of welcome to le Progres.

Mr. Spalding said he was more than happy to have the pleasure of welcoming the veteran lodge to the local temple. Ancient brethren were glad to meet in hills and vales. Now pretensions edifice are required. It is fitting to celebrate the advent of le Progres to the new temple. The hope is that it will be happy and prosperous. Social relations have existed between Hawaiian and le Progres. All congratulate le Progres on her prosperous condition, swelling membership and bright prospects. All should be careful to maintain the high standard of membership, to the end that the friendship of the order in Hawaii may be undiminished.

Union Clarence M. White, master of le Progres. The speaker opened with a lot of pretty imagery applicable to the allegiance of the three Masonic lodges in Honolulu. He described three streams, having widely different sources but coming finally to a confluence with one volume and one strength. There are here three Masonic streams centered in this temple, with headquarters variously in Scotland, France and California. All are now banded in work for the general welfare, with no friction, with no rivalry, with the rivalry of unity. The speaker said it would be the proudest recollection of his career as a Mason that this union was effected while he was at the head of le Progres, when the great step in unity was made. Mr. White called on all to rise and closed with this sentiment: "May brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us." There were responses of "Amen" and "So mote it be."

Masonry Past and Present in the Hawaiian Islands—E. P. Dole. As to the present all can judge by the unity and the good feeling shown at this gathering. A great part of life is the happiness we get out of it, but not altogether the joy of such occasions as the present. Our order is a great influence and power for good. This order is founded in something better than King Solomon's Temple. It has grown from the kindly and just feelings in human hearts. The social problems of today are many. The ministers tell they can be solved through the church. But there is a quiet, secret power. It is in Masonry. There are 75,000 of the brethren in the United States sworn to aid in the propagation of principles of human brotherhood, based on the teachings of Christ. There are other orders working along the same lines. These thoughts and these works are Masonry of today and Masonry of the future.

Masons that are Gone, but Not Forgotten—John A. Hassinger. Let us look back to the days when Masonry, the handmaiden of religion, set her searchlight in the islands. That was in 1843, when le Progres was instituted by ship captains and others. Then came Hawaiian Lodge in May, 1852. Le Progres, which had lapsed, after 1852, revived again. In 1895 Pacific was organized. Now the order stands here firmly wed with goodly numbers for truth, charity and love of fellowmen. All of the original membership has passed away and many of the men of later days have gone. Some of these are buried in foreign lands. Some of the best remembered are Meier, Davis, Irving, Cody, Macfarlane, Kamehameha IV, A. J. Cartwright, Kalakaua, John O. Dominis, Willey and others. Of all it may be said—Gone, but not forgotten.

Objects and Influence of Masonry—C. B. Ripley. At Paris in 1900 there is to be held a religious conference. Its objects are to proclaim religious freedom, to reaffirm the educational uses of religion, to seek the fraternal union of men, to set against fanaticism, to proclaim the equality of the sexes. These may be said to be the identical objects of Masonry. While Masonry may not be declared to be religion, it is religious. Every candidate must be a believer in the Supreme Being and there are prayers in the lodge meetings. Masonry has always stood for religious liberty. Masonry has as an object the inculcation of benevolence. The influence of Masonry is well shown in this age of human progress and kindness. Leaders of men in battles for liberty have been Masons—Simon Bolivar, Marcos Bozzaris, Garcia—all Masons. Many Masons have been met here during the past few weeks bound on a most laudable mission. We see at the head of the government of the United States a Mason. We recall Washington, the Mason. Masons have

great power states. In Spain it is exterminated. One is an enlightened land, the other one of ignorance, intolerance and bigotry. The influence of Masonry is apparent because it is founded on the eternal race of truth and is for the highest good of man and nation.

Higher Masonry—Brother Robertson of San Francisco. The visitor paid a high tribute to the Masons of Honolulu. As inspector he had been asked some years ago to come to the islands on a Masonic mission, but was unable to do so. He finds that a year from now he will be able to come if needed and if he can be of any service. His heart had been won by the local Masons. The speaker told of his arrival in San Francisco thirty years ago. He became a school teacher and now faced a number of his old pupils. He told of one who was asked to spell guerilla and wanted to know if there was meant a southern man or a monkey. Mr. Robertson said he was grateful for the courtesy shown him by Honolulu Masons and that he was particularly glad to meet Paul Neumann after hearing so much of the gentleman. Mr. Robertson spoke of the certainty of annexation and said those who were opposed to it would not find it so bitter a pill as he—a Southerner—swallowed years ago. There was applause for the statement that all was unity now with the people of the United States.

Mr. Neumann led up to the sentiments. The Prosperity of the Islands, by referring to Mr. B. F. Dillingham as the Colossus of Roads. Mr. Dillingham responded briefly in his usual earnest and sanguine style, the while speaking of Masonry and its lessons.

Mr. Neumann spoke eloquently of the solid union now to be observed in the United States, as well as the relations existing between the United States and the mother country.

"There are Others"—N. E. Gedge. Pacific Lodge. The sentiments expressed by Mr. Spalding were endorsed and seconded. Mr. Gedge was convinced that the new union would further the interest of all. It will be seen how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together—in unity and cherishing the principle that the glory of one is the glory of all.

Visitor Robertson, who was in forty battles of the civil war, arose again to say that "Yankee Doodle" was now "Dixie Doodle" and that the country would be incomplete without Hawaii. The toastmaster called on Brother Bulea, of New Jersey, to offer something for the good of the order. The visitor presented a kindly message from his state and complimented the Masons of Honolulu on their temple and work and hoped for a Grand Lodge of Hawaii.

Worshipful Master Little, of Hawaiian 21, was pleased to welcome Lodge le Progres to the temple. He hoped that all would co-operate in assisting the new members of the house family.

The Eastern Star (The Ladies)—John Phillips told an amusing anecdote. The speaker admitted that he was late, but that his sentiments were sound nevertheless. This meeting of the three lodges marks the fruition of the long-cherished hopes of many Masons.

Mr. White announced that the formal program was at an end, when Mr. Phillips proposed the health of Paul Neumann, who replied with witty remarks. This closed the evening.

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Both the chief engineer of the U. S. S. Brutus and the U. S. N. Paymaster who settled the bill said that the work of the Honolulu Iron Works on the engines of the collier had been entirely satisfactory. The men who had labored night and day in close quarters were mentioned as being good as ever seen anywhere. The paymaster was entirely satisfied.

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Hat Pin Fiend.

(San Francisco Chronicle.)

The Tennessee boys, not having Government buttons to give to the girls, have struck a better scheme, and are making collections of ladies' hat pins. C. H. Beresford, a married man, has 372 assorted hat pins adorning his headgear, and claims to have 118 stowed away in his baggage. One of the pins is of gold, and was presented to him by Mrs. Hayes of Colorado Springs, daughter of Jefferson Davis.

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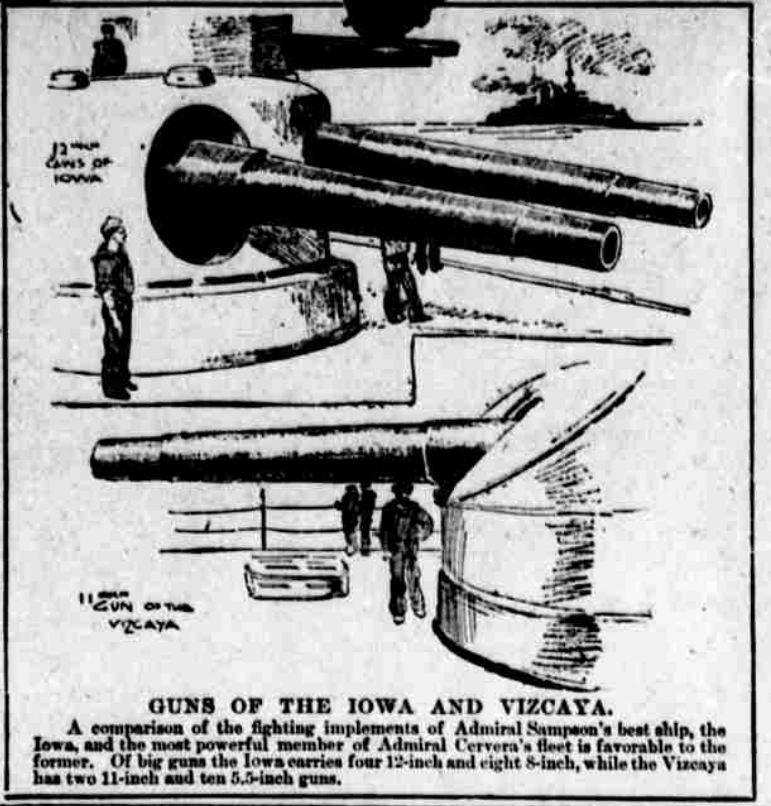
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